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Serial No. 10/522,286

Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action of April 30, 2008

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 30, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 11-12 and 14 remain in this application, where claims 5, 8-10 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 6-7 have been withdrawn as being directed to Group III, FIG 5-9.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 13. In response, claim 13 has been canceled. The cancellation of claim 13 renders moot this objection.

In the Final Office Action, claims 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,192,065 (Tietjens). Further, claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Tietjens. Claims 1-4 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over of Tietjens in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,390,416

(Uchiyama). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4, 11-12 and 14 are patentable over Tietjens and Uchiyama for at least the following reasons.

Tietjens is directed to a shaving apparatus having a cutting member 4 driven relative to a shear plate 2. As clearly shown in FIGS 1 and 5, and specifically recited on column 2, line 37-39, the "cutting member 4 is driven by a drive pin 7 ... driven by the drive spindle 8." That is, the drive pin 7 drives the cutting member 4. In turn, the cutting member 4 drives an auxiliary mass, such as a disc 11 shown in FIG 1 or a component 21" with three spheres 19" shown in FIG 5.

Uchiyama is directed to an electric razor with external and internal cutting members in which each external cutting member has slits and concentric tracks. Each internal cutting member has rows of cutting edges that can rotate in the concentric tracks of the external cutting member.

It is respectfully submitted that Barber-667 does not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 11 which, amongst other patentable elements, recites (illustrative emphasis provided) :

snap hooks are provided for fastening the coupling member to the inner cutter.

Snap hooks for fastening the coupling member to the inner cutter are nowhere disclosed or suggested in Tietjens, Uchiyama, and combination thererof.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1 and 11 be allowed. Uchiyama is cited to allegedly show other features and does not remedy the deficiencies in Tietjens. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-47 and 12-14 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 11, as well as their individually patentable elements.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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